

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 16, 2011

TO: Policy Committee

FROM: Scott Whyte, Senior Planner

SUBJECTS: Development Standards - Draft Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

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Staff presented a proposal for amending outdoor lighting ordinance requirements to the Policy Committee during Stage I of the Zoning Ordinance Update process. The Committee endorsed staff's proposals and suggested creating a new outdoor lighting section complete with guidelines, similar to the ordinance and guidelines that Fairfax County has adopted.

Following that meeting, the Board of Supervisors held a work session in March to discuss a number of proposed ordinance amendments for development standards. The Board reviewed the Policy Committee recommendations.

Staff has drafted a new outdoor lighting ordinance for stage II which addressed topics discussed at both the February Policy Committee meeting and the March Board work session. A set of guidelines was drafted but staff decided that it would be more effective to roll the guideline suggestions into the ordinance to simplify and condense the requirements. The new ordinance requirements are intended to incorporate measures that ensure that the County can preserve its dark sky qualities, and protect citizens against the adverse effects of light pollution.

Staff requests the Policy Committee offer comment on the draft ordinance prior to the Board of Supervisors work session in July.

Attachments: Draft Outdoor Lighting Ordinance